

**HB 2730 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Renames the Office of Emergency Management as the Oregon Department of Emergency Management and establishes the Department as a state agency independent from the Oregon Military Department. Specifies that the Director of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management is appointed by the Governor and provides that the current Director serves as the initial director of the new Department. Becomes operative on July 1, 2020.

**NOTE - measure has a subsequent referral to the Committee on Ways and Means**

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM), housed within the Oregon Military Department, is the state's lead entity for coordination of statewide efforts to ensure that Oregonians can get help in an emergency, and to protect, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural or man-made emergencies and disasters. OEM is organized around a set of 18 emergency support functions (ESFs): transportation; communications; public works; firefighting; information and planning; mass care; resource support; health and medical; search and rescue; hazardous materials; food and water; energy; military support; public information; volunteers and donations; law enforcement; agriculture and animal protection; and business and industry.

House Bill 2730 establishes OEM as the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, separate and distinct from the Oregon Military Department.